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PATENT APPLICATION

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Masahide HIRAI, et al.	)	
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Application No.: 10/781,793	)	
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Filed: February 20, 2004	)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	April 29, 2004
AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD	:	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the cited non-English language patent documents also are enclosed.

### STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

### REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 11-160938 was cited along with an Abstract in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 20, 2004. An English language text of that document is now being submitted.

The enclosed English language texts of the cited documents were translated by a JPO computer.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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